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FW: Allied Paper
Bucholtz, Paul (DEQ) to: Michael Berkoff, JAMES SARIC

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FYI, I was copied on this email exchange between Water Bureau and the City. Thought you may be interested.

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From: Ross, Scott (DEQ)
Sent: Thursday, December 03, 2009 11:26 AM
To: Paquin, John
Cc: Brown, Elgar (DEQ); Fisher, Brant (DEQ); Kukuk, Wayne (DEQ); Berndt, Jason (DEQ); Bucholtz, Paul (DEQ)
Subject: RE: Allied Paper

RRD has requested our assistance to review the supplemental report. Brant has agreed to do that, but at this point, because he's so involved in the water withdrawal program, will bring in Wayne so he can get up to speed on the issues if more reviews are needed down the road. We continue to feel metals sampling is necessary in the north and west areas as part of showing there is no downward movement to the aquifer system that supplies your wells. Brant's original memo clearly stated the need for that and we have not changed our position. Brant has printed out the supplemental report, but since his focus is the water withdrawal program, hasn't completed the review yet.

From: Paquin, John [mailto:PaquinJ@kalamazoocty.org]
Sent: Thursday, December 03, 2009 10:56 AM
To: Ross, Scott (DEQ)
Subject: Allied Paper
Importance: High
Hi Scott:

The "Supplemental Groundwater Investigation Report" prepared by ARCADIS, the PRP's consultant, fell way short of what we thought was appropriate. Our opinion was presented in a multi-page attachment to a letter to EPA in the beginning of November.

In October when we met with the EPA, MDEQ, USGS, and CHM2Hill, we were disappointed and surprised to learn from Paul Bucholtz that the Source Protection staff was no longer involved with this site. I strongly suggested that you and your staff stay involved and to please provide comments as appropriate. One of our primary concerns is that there has not been any objective third-party technical review of ARCADIS' work - other than ours and Brant's Memo - through this whole process. It is my understanding that only until very recently that your staff has started reviewing the "Supplemental Groundwater Investigation Report." Would you please clarify whether or not if your staff has reviewed the report and if so, would you be willing to share any comments?

As you know, the saga continues at the Allied Paper Site (OU-1). Tonight at 6:30 p.m. there is a Public Meeting at the Radisson in Kalamazoo.

Thanks -

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